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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/525,216	Applicant(s) MARS ET AL.	
	Examiner NHAN T. LE	Art Unit 2618	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08). | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>02/22/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-4 in the reply filed on 01/16/2008 is acknowledged.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because there is no labels in the drawings associated with the numbers. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet; and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turner et al (US 2040095098) in view of Sato et al (US 5,764,496).

As to claim 1, Turner teaches a power supply including: a supply rail (see fig. 1, number 109, col. 3, lines 57-67, col. 4, lines 1-2) that provides a supply current of up to a predetermined current limit to a load that draws a load current; and a super-capacitive device (see fig. 1, number 113, col. 3, lines 57-67, col. 4, lines 1-14) connected in parallel with the supply rail or the load. Turner fails to teach allowing the load current to temporarily exceed the predetermined current limit while maintaining the supply current at less than the predetermined current limit. Sato teaches allowing the load current to temporarily exceed the predetermined current limit while maintaining the supply current at less than the predetermined current limit (see col. 3, lines 61-67, col. 4, lines 1-19). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Sato into the system of Turner in order to supply high frequency power to a load circuit.

3. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turner et al (US 2040095098) in view of Sato et al (US 5,764,496) further in view of O'Brien (US 6,836,098).

As to claims 2-4, the combination of Turner and Sato fails to teach wherein the super-capacitive device has an effective capacitance of at least 10% for a 0.03 msec pulse; 35% for a 1 msec pulse and 55% for a 10 msec pulse. O'Brien teaches wherein the super-capacitive device has an effective capacitance of 10-25 percent (see col. 3, lines 25-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of O'Brien into the system of Turner and Sato in order to provide an improved method and apparatus for rapidly charging a rechargeable battery.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Turner et al (US 20030169022) teaches power supply.

Desprez et al (US 20030020435) teaches super-capacitor balancing method and system.

Gimlan (US 6,936,994) teaches electrostatic energy generators and use of same.

Yoshida (US 6,301,131) teaches DC power supply circuit.

Gaudreau et al (US 6,043,636) teaches voltage transient suppression.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7892. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-05:00 (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nhan T. Le', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nhan T. Le